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This application is a Continuation application under 35 USC §120 of Patent Number 6,763,195, issued July 17, 2004.

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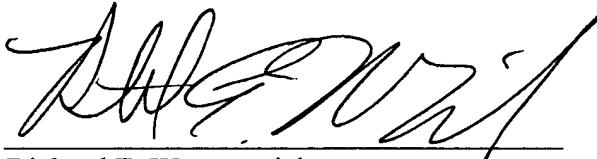
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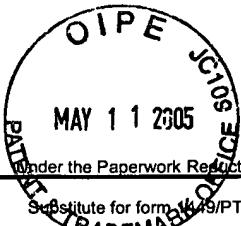
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